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UM DEBATE-ORATORY ASSOCIATION TO COMPETE  
IN BICENTENNIAL YOUTH DEBATE PROGRAM

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Debate and Oratory Association will participate in a forensic program entitled "Bicentennial Youth Debates" (BYD) beginning in September in conjunction with the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

The BYD, designed to encourage students to examine American history and values through forensic efforts, will include three areas of competition--Lincoln-Douglas Debate, extemporaneous speaking and persuasive speaking. A winner will be selected in each event and advance through district, sectional and regional competition to a final national conference. The national conference will feature discussions between students and national leaders.

Open to any person under age 25 who has not yet received a bachelor's degree, the program includes both high school and college divisions. Outstanding participants will receive scholarships.

BYD events at UM will take place between Sept. 27 and Nov. 1, 1975. Buford A. Crites, an instructor in interpersonal communication at UM, is director of BYD competition and programs at UM.

Besides participating in competitive aspects of the BYD program, students will visit civic and community organizations to speak on current topics, ranging from freedom of the press and control of the economy to the work ethic and use of natural resources.

BYD, a project of the Speech Communication Association, is supported under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Additional information about the BYD program may be obtained from Crites at the UM Department of Interpersonal Communication, room 346, Liberal Arts Building, or phone 243-4463.